

HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE PRECINCT  
MEETING  
April 14, 2010

Present

Gary Kubik, Chairman & Commissioner  
Chuck Rage, Commissioner  
June White, Commissioner  
John Gebhart, Treasurer

Chairman Kubik called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Kubik introduced the members of the Board.

**Election of Chairman**

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner White, to appoint Gary Kubik as Chairman of the Hampton Beach Village Precinct Board for the coming year.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

**Sand Sculpture Event**

Greg Grady said the dates are all set for this event. Hampton Beach is going to be a qualifier for the Sand Sculpture World Championship. The quality is increasing every year. Sculpting will begin on June 18<sup>th</sup> and be completed on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The competition will be June 24-26. Awards will be at 8:00 p.m. at the Seashell on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Removal will be on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sponsorships are coming along well. There is a new Facebook site called Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpture Competition.

**Fireworks**

Warren Peirce said he was at the meeting to confirm dates with the Commissioners and to confirm rain dates with Police and Fire. Mr. Peirce asked what the timeline was for access. Brian Warburton, NH State Parks, said the ramp will be done in time for the first shoot on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Warburton said he will have further information about the access path at the May meeting.

Mr. Peirce went over the dates for the fireworks displays:

May 30  
June 23, 26, 30  
July 4, 7, 14, 21, 28  
August 4, 11, 18, 25  
September 1, 5  
October 9 (Fall Festival)  
December 31 (New Years Eve)

The dates were confirmed by the Board and Deputy Chief Sawyer.

### **State Parks**

Brian Warburton, NH State Parks Seacoast Superintendent, said a lot of progress is being made with the Beach project. Pilings will be drilled in the next three weeks.

Mr. Warburton discussed the spring cleanup. He said 5,400 yards of sand have been picked up and stairwells have been cleaned. The grading of beach sand will commence shortly. Trash barrels have been put out. The sweeping of the parking lots will begin the first week of May.

Mr. Warburton said DOT is doing a great job on the bridge and they are hoping that two-lane traffic will come back the middle of May. More parking pay stations have been installed. There are now no old meters at Hampton Beach.

Mr. Warburton said the recycling effort is getting bigger and bigger. By mid-May there will be a recycling barrel at every stairwell and in every bathroom. Trash will continue to be picked up seven nights a week.

Groundbreaking ceremonies will be held on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, across from the Ashworth and will be attended by Governor Lynch.

Maureen Buckley asked if anything is being done to inform residents about what is happening. Mr. Warburton said they will be implementing a hot line where there will be updates. Everything is on schedule.

Glen French asked if the stage for the Seashell would be back in place for May 30, 2011. Mr. Warburton said it will be completed by June, 2011.

Mr. Warburton said a Kite Fest for the benefit of breast cancer will be held on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fireworks (cont.)**

Deputy Chief Rick Sawyer, Hampton Police Department, said the protocol for the fireworks will be the same as last year. It is critical that if fireworks are going to be called off, it be done as early as possible so that police and fire can schedule for the rain date.

Linda Gebhart asked about training for Crime Watch. Deputy Sawyer said he has been doing research and is thinking about doing a Citizens' Police Academy. The issue is money and people to get it done.

Commissioner Rage said there has been a lot of vandalism at the playground. Deputy Sawyer said they will keep an eye on that.

### **Entertainment**

Glen French said he would like to invite everyone to attend a tribute to Jack Knox on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Ashworth.

Mr. French said the entertainment calendar is coming together. He is still waiting to hear back from the military bands. The Continentals will continue as a 4-piece band. Most previous artists are returning plus some great new acts. Country bands are scheduled. Mr. French said Idol is in motion and they already have one applicant.

Mr. French discussed the proposed Veterans Appreciation Weekend. There are difficulties with this. There needs to be more research into this type of event. With the difficulty of scheduling military bands, it might be possible to use regular bands. Tops in Blue was scheduled, but was later canceled.

Commissioner Rage said the American Legion is doing some sort of event on June 12<sup>th</sup> and perhaps there could be coordination with them next year.

### **Marketing**

John Kane said a lot of advertising has been sent out. The main focus is on the Canadian market. Mr. Kane said he has been working with Greg Grady on the Sand Sculpture event and the sponsorships are going well. The storm damaged the webcam. It is working but the focus is off. It may be necessary to take it down and send it back to Sony for repair or even possibly purchase a new one. Mr. Kane said he appreciated the Police being at the bridge. Traffic is moving much better. Mr. Kane said the website is up and all major events are noted.

### **Beautification**

Linda Gebhart said someone has picked the daffodils in the island in front of the Ashworth. People have to remember that these flowers come out of public budgets and are not for personal picking. Ms. Gebhart asked anyone witnessing this to report it. The Committee has a new volunteer who has offered to help with planting at the sign in the State Park. The Winnacunnet Science Club will be working at Bicentennial Park on April 24<sup>th</sup> for cleaning and planting. The Earth Day Fair is April 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Hampton Academy. The Beautification Committee will have a table.

The Swing Dance will be Saturday night, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the fire station. Tickets are \$7.00 or \$10.00 per couple. Those attending are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the food pantry.

The next meeting of the Crime Watch will be May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Gebhart, in her position as Precinct Clerk, said close to 200 ballots were cast at the Annual Meeting. Ms. Gebhart said residents can still register to vote. Ms. Gebhart can take registrations and pass them on to the Supervisor of the Checklist. To register it is necessary that one's home domicile be in Hampton Beach.

Ms. Gebhart discussed some comments she had received from the public concerning the Annual Meeting. Many thought the meeting could have been better organized and more respectful.

Maureen Buckley said she was concerned about the miking at the meeting. It was suggested that the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting be held someplace other than the fire station. Suggestions were made to hold it either at the junior high or at the church across the street. The Commissioners agreed to look into this.

Mr. Jim Welsh asked if residents would actually be voting on that day. Commissioner Kubik said yes. Richard Reniere, Moderator, said the warrant to be voted on will be posted prior to the meeting.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Rage said he had received a letter from Maureen Buckley applying for the Events Coordinator position.

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, to appoint Maureen Buckley to the position of Events Coordinator for this year.

There was some discussion regarding advertising for this position. It was decided that in the interest of time and Ms. Buckley's outstanding handling of the position last year that she be offered the position.

**Vote:** 2-0-1(White). Motion passed.

Commissioner Kubik said the sign at the Seabrook/Hampton Bridge is back up.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Rage said the new playground equipment is in and other repairs are being made.

Commissioner Kubik said that the next Precinct meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup> will be held at the Police Station at 5:30 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2010.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2010.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

**Moved** by Commissioner Rage, seconded by Commissioner Kubik, to approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 26, 2010.

**Vote:** 3-0-0. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Closing Comments**

There were no closing comments.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice